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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claim 8. By this amendment, Applicants have modified claim 4 (the independent claim on which claim 8 depended) to incorporate the limitations from claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 4 is now allowable for the same reasons as claim 8. Applicants have also cancelled any remaining claims which are not dependent claims of claim 4.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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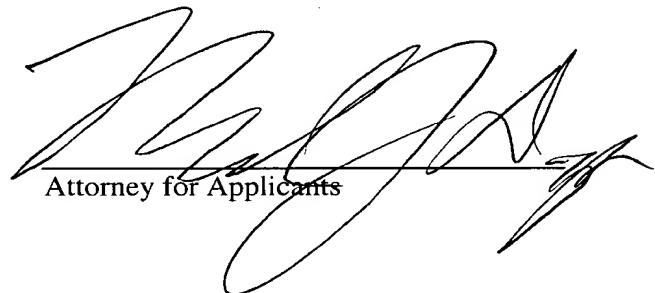
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